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10 December 1952

TO : OAD/RR
Attn: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

FROM : [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

1. Following up my brief message, I reiterate that there is no reason to my knowledge that Jim would not make us a good employee - subject as always to proper utilization of talents. This observation is based on intermittent association with him throughout the past ten years. (How dear were the days of my childhood.)

25X1A9a 2. I know [REDACTED] came back with strong ideas and feelings. Some of his quotes from the [REDACTED] shocked me as the reports were contrary to my knowledge of Jim. So yesterday I talked to [REDACTED] source for some of Paul's thoughts. On the story of "the trouble with you" is that you never get anything done" [REDACTED] corrected the story to me to be a jocular remark to the effect that if the [REDACTED] worked as hard on their jobs as they do on their hobbies they would get a great deal accomplished. One other time, Jim, through [REDACTED], made arrangements to see [REDACTED], Librarian. When the appointment was kept, Jim arrived with a party of six or so - most disconcerting to the orderly thinking of the library type (my own ad lib). These were the only frictional points (for what heat such slight friction could produce in this fog) brought out by [REDACTED]. The major point of evaluation was that [REDACTED], Jim's predecessor, had been most highly respected and esteemed and Jim apparently did not, in the eyes of some of the [REDACTED], fill [REDACTED]'s boots; but he did handle himself well, did a good liaison job, and successfully chaired many meetings.

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3. I also asked [REDACTED] for his comments - comments I will repeat as they are favorable. Ray recommends Jim as a conscientious man with an above average amount of gray matter, a cooperative repeat cooperative worker who had done a good liaison job. Ray would not hesitate in hiring him.

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4. There, Hank, is the best I can do for you except to wish you a very pleasant holiday season and Republican New Year.

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